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Attorney Docket No. 033192-007

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED  
PROCEDURE - Technology Center 3600

In re Patent Application of  
**Terutsugu GOTANDA et al.**  
 Application No.: 09/988,648  
 Filing Date: November 20, 2001  
 Title: SHOCK ABSORBING MEMBER AND BUMPER

Group Art Unit: 3612  
 Examiner: K. B. Patel  
 Confirmation No.: 8855

## AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.  
 Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the  \$55.00 (2814)  \$110.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.  
 Also enclosed is/are \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Small entity status is hereby claimed.  
 Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the  \$385.00 (2801)  \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).  
 Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.  
 Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_\_\_

- on \_\_\_\_\_  
 for which continued examination is requested.  
 Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_\_\_ which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.  
 A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.



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- No additional claim fee is required.
- An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	19	MINUS 22 =	0	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$ 0.00</b>

- A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.
- Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.
- Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 23, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory response period and for which one (1) additional month has been petitioned, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the claim summary which begins on page two of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page eight of this paper.